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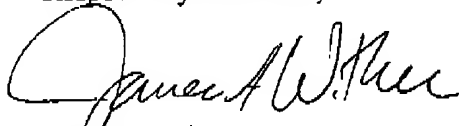
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, in which the Examiner has required restriction between invention I, namely Claims 1-11, and invention II, namely Claims 12-15. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of invention I (Claims 1-11) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

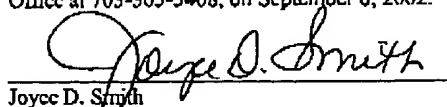
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